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THE PRESIDENT SAYS...

By John Moore

I think that most everyone enjoyed Roger Williams' presentation at the last meeting and I hear people saying they would like to learn more on the subject. If this is true, let your wishes be known and we will try to get him back again. In the meantime, if you would like to receive the publication he mentioned, "Computist", it is available for \$24.00 per eight issues. Hey, I don't remember when it changed to this odd price, but that's the way it is. To order, send your name and address with the price to:

Computist
Subscription Dept.
33821 East Orville Rd.
Eatonville, WA 98328

I have about five years worth of copies and I refer to them frequently when I have problems. I'll try to remember to bring the latest copy in so you can see what it's like.

I had a friend call me up the other evening and he wanted to print up some real small labels and he wasn't just sure how to go about it. Well, I scratched my head and then I recalled that I had read something in inCider about printing more than one label on a single mailing label. Much digging and I found the article in the March 1988 issue on page 92. It's a cute little set-up for

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Meeting Notes

**November 15th
Free Copy Night**

**December 20th
Undecided**

Appleworks that prints four labels, such as return address labels on one 3.5 x 1 inch label. Then all you have to do is cut them apart. My wife complains about all the magazines I save but frequently they do pay off. No, don't suggest that I could go to the public library since the last time I needed a reference at the library, some rotten @#\$%* had torn part of the page out.

I'm rambling a bit but then this is my last column as president of this club so the next issue will be different. Bobbi gave me yesterday as a deadline but this has been a very busy year for me and I don't see the end of it yet.

I appreciate all the help I have been given and I'm sure that things will improve with Larry back at the helm.



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Meetings- Regular Membership

The Regular Membership Meeting is held on the third Thursday of the month, with a start time of 7:00 p.m.. The meeting is held on the Chemeketa Community College campus, in Building 2, Room 113.



From the Editor's Desk



By Bobbi Kirk

As this is the last issue of the year it seems like a good time to thank all the contributors who have made this newsletter possible. This includes John Moore who has done the President's column and to Darrell Robertson and Kirk Gamble who have shared the writing of the Teachers' column. Their faithful responses all year long have allowed this newsletter to go out on time (which is not always the case with newsletters!). I'd also like to thank Neal Layton and Rollin Ratcher for the special articles on telecommunications and Dos 3.3 - both articles were very helpful for novices as well as more experienced computer users. We also have Focus Electronics to thank for the improved appearance of the newsletter owing to the use of their laser printer.

Next year I hope to have more articles written by members as well as our regular columns, so start thinking about what you can say about your special computer interests. I know we have several members who are writers and editors for other publications and many members are using the computer in their own business. I will be talking to you and asking for articles. As I've mentioned before, this newsletter is dependent on your input and there is room for more member involvement.

At the September meeting we elected the board members for next year. Larry Tucker was elected as president, Neal Layton as vice-president, Kirk Gamble as treasurer and David Weiss as director-at-large. All were elected by unanimous ballot. We still need a secretary so anyone interested should contact Larry Tucker.

That's about it for this year. Happy Holidays to you all and may all your computer gifts be in the right format.

Teachers' Column

By Darrell Robertson and Kirk Gamble



Troubleshooting the Classroom Computer

A good way for the "computer teacher" to begin troubleshooting is with the phrase, "Troubleshooter is calm, cool, and collected." It is an excellent reminder because we know that **proper attitude** is key to effective troubleshooting.

Here is an excellent and yet simple checklist to go by, step-by-step. However, even before we travel down the checklist we need to be prepared by having on hand the **proper tools**: small screwdriver, head cleaning disk, box of cotton swabs, can of compressed air, diagnostic disk, tweezers, pencil with new eraser, small adjustable wrench, isopropyl alcohol (99%), manuals for all equipment, set of checklist forms, and a roll of scotch tape.

Next, we need to **explain the problem** on the checklist in written form because it helps us to understand the problem better and the act of writing it down forces us to think it through more cautiously. Also, it provides us with a written description of the symptoms of the problem in case the computer goes out to a repair facility.

Then, we need to **isolate the problem** by substituting identical parts from a working system. This allows the troubleshooter to find the specific component causing the problem.

The checklist consists of categories such as **Cabling, Disk Drives, Computers, Monitors, Receiver, Printers, and Software**. Questions are asked under each title to help the troubleshooter step-by-step.

By this time, if we have followed the checklist procedures and our computer system still doesn't work, we can still feel confident that we haven't overlooked an obvious problem, and can send our system into repair without feeling guilty.

New Program Review

Our GS library has a new program available for loan this month. The program is the PS (for print shop) Lovers' Utility Set, or PLUS-GS. This program has several uses. It can catalog your Print Shop GS graphics, fonts and borders, it can convert DOS graphics to GS Print Shop graphics, Dos borders to GS borders, GS fonts to Print Shop GS fonts, color graphics to color borders, color graphics to color patterns and Print Shop graphics to Super hi-res (SHR) pictures.

For me, the ability to catalog all my Print Shop GS graphics is the most important. It's almost impossible to remember what they all look like with only the file name to go on. Now I can look at my catalog and see where certain graphics are (which disk they are on) and decide which graphic I want to use. It's also nice to see what each font looks like, although I wish the program allowed the user to set the spacing between the fonts. Another handy feature for those of you with both 5.25 and 3.5 disk drives is the ability to change the regular graphics to GS graphics. Our library has a very large collection of public domain Print Shop graphics but a very small amount of GS graphics so this will give you a chance to greatly expand your number of Print Shop GS graphics.

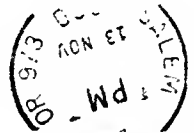
The program comes with a 20 page manual and is very simple to use. After using the manual a few times you probably won't need to refer to it again.



Sorry folks, I didn't make it to the laser printer this time. Hope it's almost as readable. (Ed.)

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